

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House Inventory Number: AL-V-B-003
Address: 741 National Highway (ALT US 40) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: LaVale Zip Code: 21502 County: Allegany
USGS Quadrangle(s): Cumberland
Property Owner: Patsy and Frances McCabe Tax Account ID Number: 011958
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 20 Tax Map Number: 9V
Project: ALT US 40: Streetscape Improvements, LaVale Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
Preparer's Name: Catherine Dluzak, Barbara Frederick, Emma Young Date Prepared: 3/27/2006
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, AL-V-B-003
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House—hereinafter referred to as the Fazenbaker House—located at 741 National Highway (ALT US 40) in LaVale, Allegany County, Maryland, is an example of early-twentieth-century, high-style Craftsman/Bungalow dwelling. Popularized by the work of Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Green, Craftsman architecture was influenced by the Arts & Crafts movement. More commonly seen in a vernacular form as a Bungalow, the Craftsman style appeared in popular pattern books of the day and spread rapidly throughout the United States. Although the Craftsman/Bungalow is a common resource type throughout the LaVale area, the Fazenbaker House represents an exceptionally high-style form of Craftsman-style architecture. The lot that the dwelling occupies comprises approximately 20,000.00 square feet and is located on the north side of National Highway (ALT US 40). The building has had few alterations since its construction in 1914 and stands in excellent condition.

This property was previously recorded in 1975 (Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form, AL-V-B-003, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland). This form is to serve as an update and expansion of the 1975 MIHP form.

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MHT Comments:

Don Jankowski
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

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Exterior Description

The circa-1914 residence faces south and is situated on the north side of National Highway (ALT US 40). The original rectangular footprint remains intact, and the building is oriented on a north-south axis. The dwelling features low-pitched multiple roof planes covered with gray asphalt shingles. The main block of the house features a one-story, front-gable roof with a cross gable at the south elevation. A hipped-roof vestibule and a front-gable porch extend southward from the cross gable façade. A centrally located side-gabled second story rises from the one-story front gable. The foundation of the dwelling is not visible.

The frame dwelling is clad in wood shingles. The first story features a wood string beltcourse that connects the windows on all elevations. The low-pitched roofs feature overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. A one-story porch extends from the front (south) elevation and wraps around to the east elevation. The low-pitched gable roof features decorative stick work and is supported by three piers. The piers feature diagonal brickwork and fieldstone quoins. The front elevation also features an exterior chimney located immediately west of the porch on the vestibule wall, which pierces the vestibule's hipped roof. The chimney consists of decorative brickwork in a diagonal pattern, fieldstone quoins, and a stone chimney cap supported by brick piers. A simple interior brick chimney rises from the center of the second story's side-gable ridge.

The south (front) elevation consists of five bays. The first bay, located on the cross gable, consists of a large picture window with a rectangular transom separated by a horizontal muntin. The second and third bays consist of small, casement windows separated by the exterior chimney. The front elevation's fourth bay serves as the main entrance to the house. The main entrance is protected by a gabled porch that wraps around to the east elevation. The main entrance consists of a large, single-leaf, paneled wood door with three lights that represent an upside down "U." The door is flanked by three-light sidelights with a diagonal division bar. The fifth bay is recessed and serves as a secondary entrance into the dwelling.

The front elevation's second story consists of three irregularly spaced bays. The westernmost bay features a ribbon of four rectangular windows, while the easternmost bay features a ribbon of three rectangular windows. Individually, each window has a large central light with a smaller light at the top and bottom, separated by a horizontal muntin. A diagonal division bar also serves as a decorative element on each window. The second bay is located slightly off center and features a square casement window, identical to the vestibule windows.

The first story of the east elevation consists of five bays. The first bay, located on the vestibule, is comprised of paired casement windows. The second bay consists of a large picture window with a rectangular transom separated by a horizontal muntin. The third bay consists of a ribbon of four rectangular windows. Individually, each window has a large central light with a smaller light at the top and bottom, separated by a horizontal muntin. A diagonal division bar also serves as a decorative element on each window. The fourth bay, located under the second story, consists of paired, one-over-one light, double-hung sash, wood windows. The fifth bay consists of four, rectangular casement windows. Individually, each window has a large central light with a smaller light at the top and bottom, separated by a horizontal muntin. A diagonal division bar also serves as a decorative element on each window. The second story of the east elevation consists of a ribbon of three rectangular windows, with the same individual elements as described above.

The first story of the west elevation consists of four irregularly spaced bays. Each of the two northernmost bays contains a ribbon of four rectangular windows. Individually, each window has a large central light with a smaller light at the top and bottom separated by a horizontal muntin. A diagonal division bar also serves as a decorative element on each window. The third bay consists of a large picture window flanked by one-over-one light, double-hung sash windows. The fourth bay consists of a ribbon of three rectangular windows, with the individual elements described above. The fifth bay, located on the vestibule, consists of paired casement windows. The second story of the west elevation consists of one centrally located bay. The bay is made up of a ribbon of

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three rectangular windows, with the same individual elements as described above.

The north (rear) elevation of the building was inaccessible during the site visit.

Immediately north of the dwelling is a side-gable garage that extends the width of the dwelling. The garage is also clad in wood shingles and the low-pitched roof features overhanging eaves and exposed rafters.

Interior Description

The interior of the Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House was inaccessible during the site visit.

Surrounding Landscape

Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House sits approximately 20.00 yards north of the National Highway (ALT US 40). A prominent yard entry, consisting of ten poured concrete steps framed by heavy stone columns and encased with a sloping stone wall, leads to the poured concrete sidewalk. A paved asphalt driveway is located along the east side of the dwelling and leads to the garage and a parking area. Flagstones lead northward from the National Highway (ALT US 40) to the property and end at the stone yard entry. An expansive grassy lawn surrounds the dwelling and large deciduous and evergreen trees line the property to the north. Early-twentieth-century brick residences flank the property to the east and west.

History

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House—hereinafter referred to as the Fazenbaker House—dates to ca. 1914. The architect is unknown, although the present-day owner, Patsy McCabe, indicates the dwelling is attributed to Frank Lloyd Wright. The source of her information is unknown and a review of Wright's Maryland commissions does not include the Fazenbaker House (Personal telephone communication with Patsy McCabe, 17 March 2006).

The Fazenbaker House is located on a large tract of land once owned by William M. Long. By a deed dated January 8, 1903, William M. Long conveyed approximately 120 acres of land occupying the north and south sides of the National Highway (ALT US 40) to the Allegany County Improvement Company.

Serving as President of the Allegany County Improvement Company was David P. Miller. Miller was associated with numerous speculative real estate interests throughout the Cumberland area, including D.P. Miller & Company, a real estate agency in Cumberland; the Allegany Building, Loan and Savings Company of Cumberland; and the Cumberland County Improvement Company (Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County (1923), Volume 2, 995).

By a deed dated September 30, 1914, the Allegany County Improvement Company conveyed "Lot Number Nineteen (19)" of the "National Highway Addition" to Henrietta H. Sheare (Allegany County Land Record Liber 124, Folio 659). The dwelling was likely not in place as of this date, as the deed included numerous stipulations, including:

"that the only building and improvements to be built on said premises within [225] feet of the National Turnpike shall be a dwelling house, to cost not less than [\$2,000], and the said dwelling shall be constructed so as to front on the National Turnpike, and the building line of said house shall not be within [75] feet of said National Turnpike, as now located, and no buildings or structures of any kind shall be erected or placed between said building and the said Turnpike, and said dwelling house shall be so located as to

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be at least [10] feet from the Eastern and Western limits of the lot hereby conveyed. And no other building shall be erected between the said dwelling house and the said Eastern and Western limits of said lot."

This lot was conveyed in consideration of \$10.00 and was subject to a mortgage. Henrietta Shearer held the property for only a few years. By a deed dated February 16, 1918, Henrietta and John G. Shearer conveyed the dwelling to Arthur H. Holzshu (Allegany County Land Record Liber 125, Folio 3).

The property remained in the Holzshu family until July 18, 1946. By a deed bearing this date, Mary E. Holzshu conveyed the property to Casper R. and Zelma M. Taylor (Allegany County Land Record Liber 210, Folio 204). The Taylors eventually subdivided the rear portion of their property in 1963 (Allegany County Land Record Liber 360, Folio 41). They later sold the Craftsman style dwelling to Arthur E. and Ethel A. Fazenbaker (Andrews, MIHP form, AL-V-B-003, prepared 26 May 1975, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD). The Fazenbakers conveyed the property to the present owners, Patsy L. McCabe and Frances E. McCabe in 1990 (Allegany County Land Record Liber 592, Folio 63).

Significance Evaluation

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House, located at 741 National Highway (ALT US 40), continues to convey its use as a 1914, Craftsman-style dwelling located in LaVale, Allegany County, Maryland. The dwelling exhibits an exceptional high-style of the Craftsman form for the LaVale area, which makes the Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and:

- A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. That are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. That have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House, located at 741 National Highway (ALT US 40), is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The property is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House is not eligible under Criterion B as it has no known association with individuals of local historical importance.

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House is eligible for listing under Criterion C as a locally significant example of a residential resource. The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House embodies the characteristics of the Craftsman architectural style (1905-1930), including a low-pitched gable roof with wide, unenclosed eaves, exposed roof rafters, partial-width porch with a roof supported by square columns, and exposed roof-wall junctions (McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, 1998, 454-455). The dwelling remains virtually unaltered and therefore emanates the feel of an early-twentieth-century Craftsman-style

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dwelling.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the current investigation.

The Fazenbaker-Taylor-Holzshu-Shearer House retains integrity from the period of significance with no alterations and modifications that detract from the integrity of the dwelling. The dwelling retains integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling.

References

Allegany County Clerk. Allegany County Land Records. On file at the Allegany County Clerks Office, Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

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McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998.

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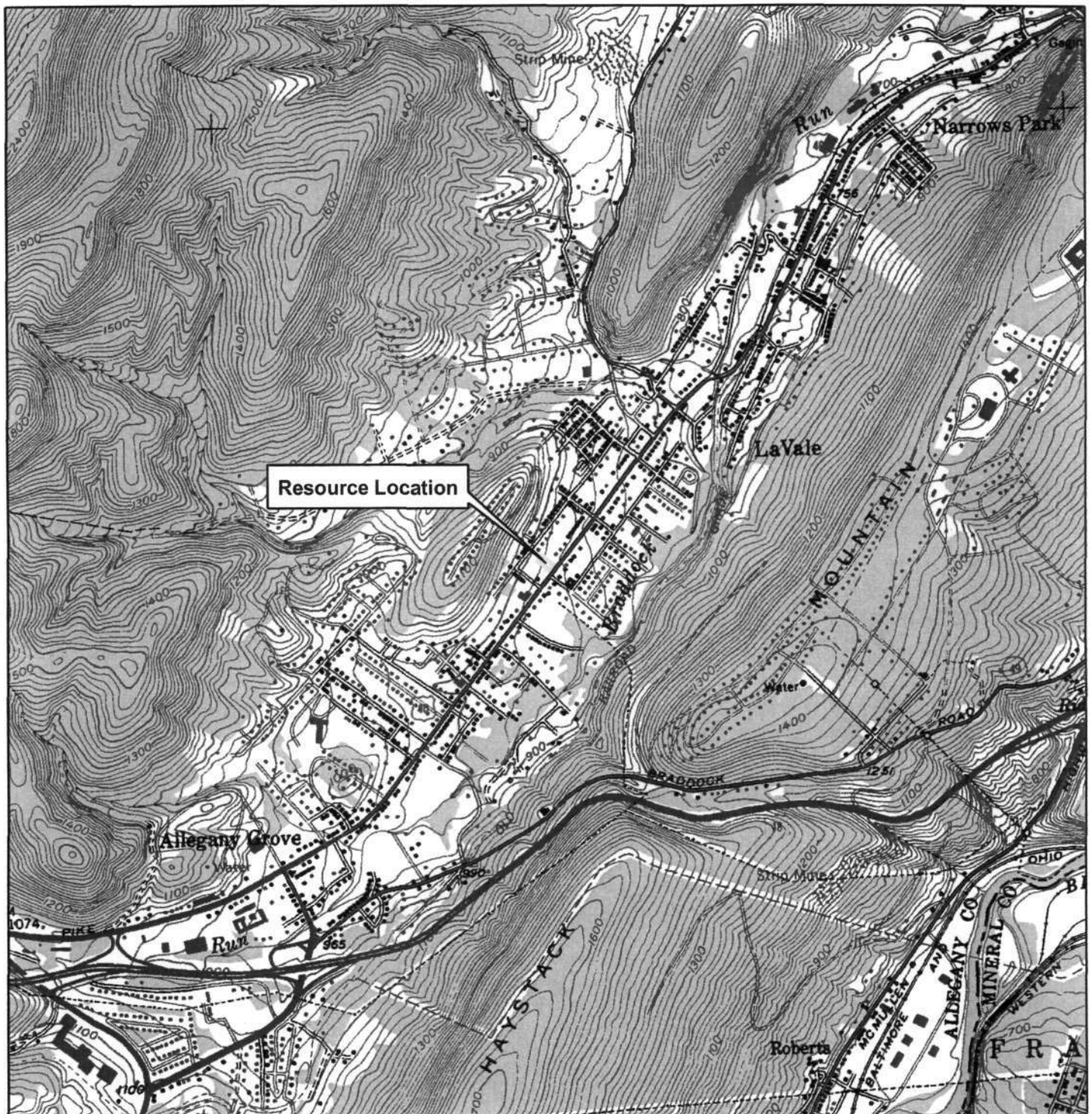
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ALT US 40 Streetscape Improvements
LaVale, Allegany County, Maryland



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Sources: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle,
National Elevation Dataset, ESRI





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South elevation, view to North

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South & east elevations, view to NW

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South & West elevations, view to NE

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North ~~view~~ east elevations; view to SW

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1. NAME				
COMMON: Fazenbaker - Taylor - Holzshu - Shearer house				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 741 National Highway, U.S. Route 40				
CITY OR TOWN: LaVale				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Arthur E. Fazenbaker and wife Ethel A.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 741 National Highway				
CITY OR TOWN: LaVale		21502	STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 363-383				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>741 National Highway (U.S. Route 40) in LaVale, Allegany County, stands on the north side of the road in the block between Grants Drive and LaVale Street.</p> <p>The house is a early twentieth century frame bungalow structure of one story with a two stories high portion in the middle. Covered with shingles, the house emphasizes wood construction with accentuated horizontal characteristics. The roofs are broad and of gentle pitch and the eaves have great projection. The porch posts and chimney are made of brick and stone.</p>			

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1914

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

741 National Highway is representative of the bungalow type of housing that was popular in the early twentieth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 100' x 200'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

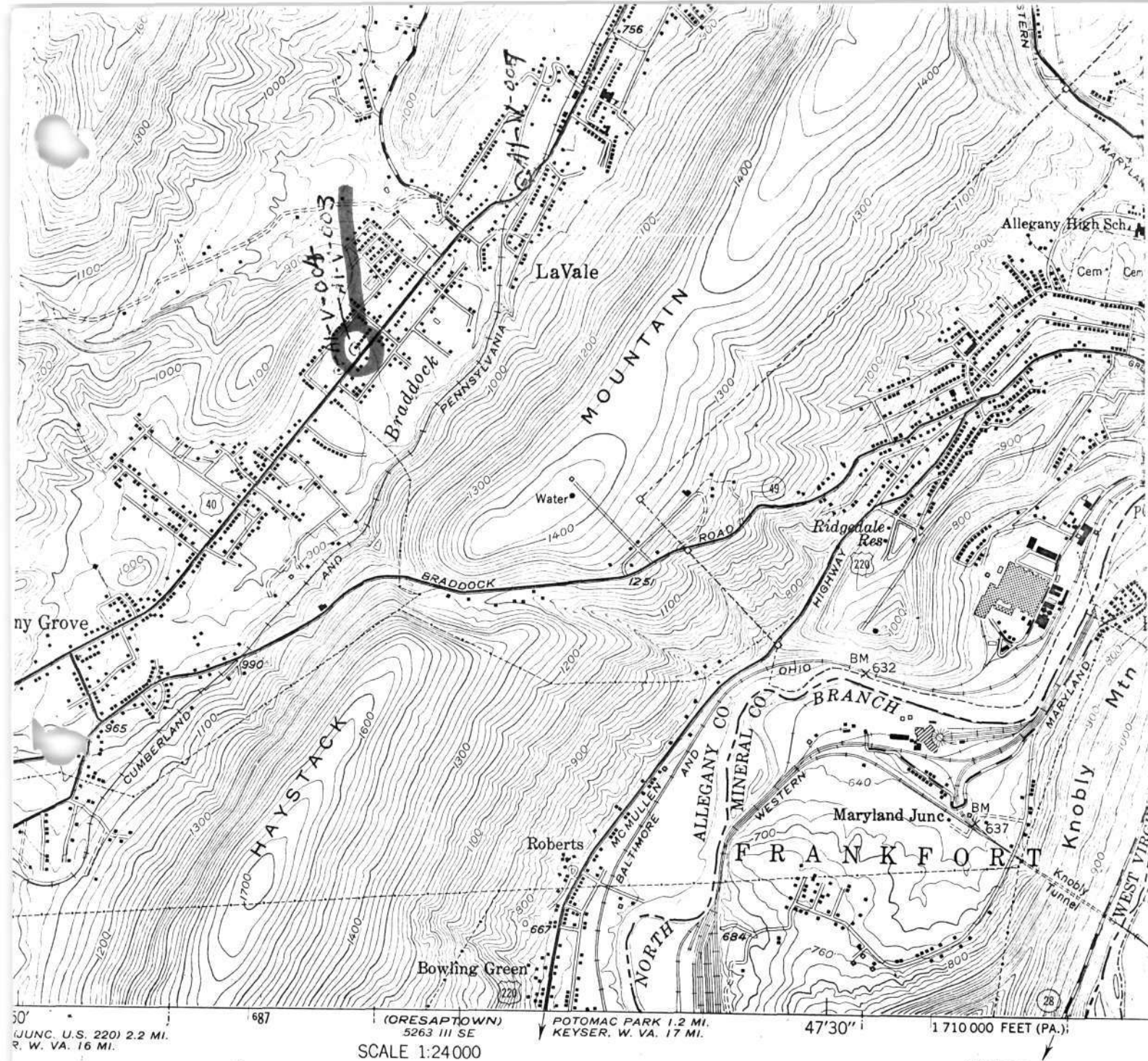
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	DATE 5/26/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



Cumberland, MD - PA - WV Quad
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series
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Site #: Al-V-003
 Fazenbaker - Taylor -
 Holzshu - Shearer house
 741 National Highway



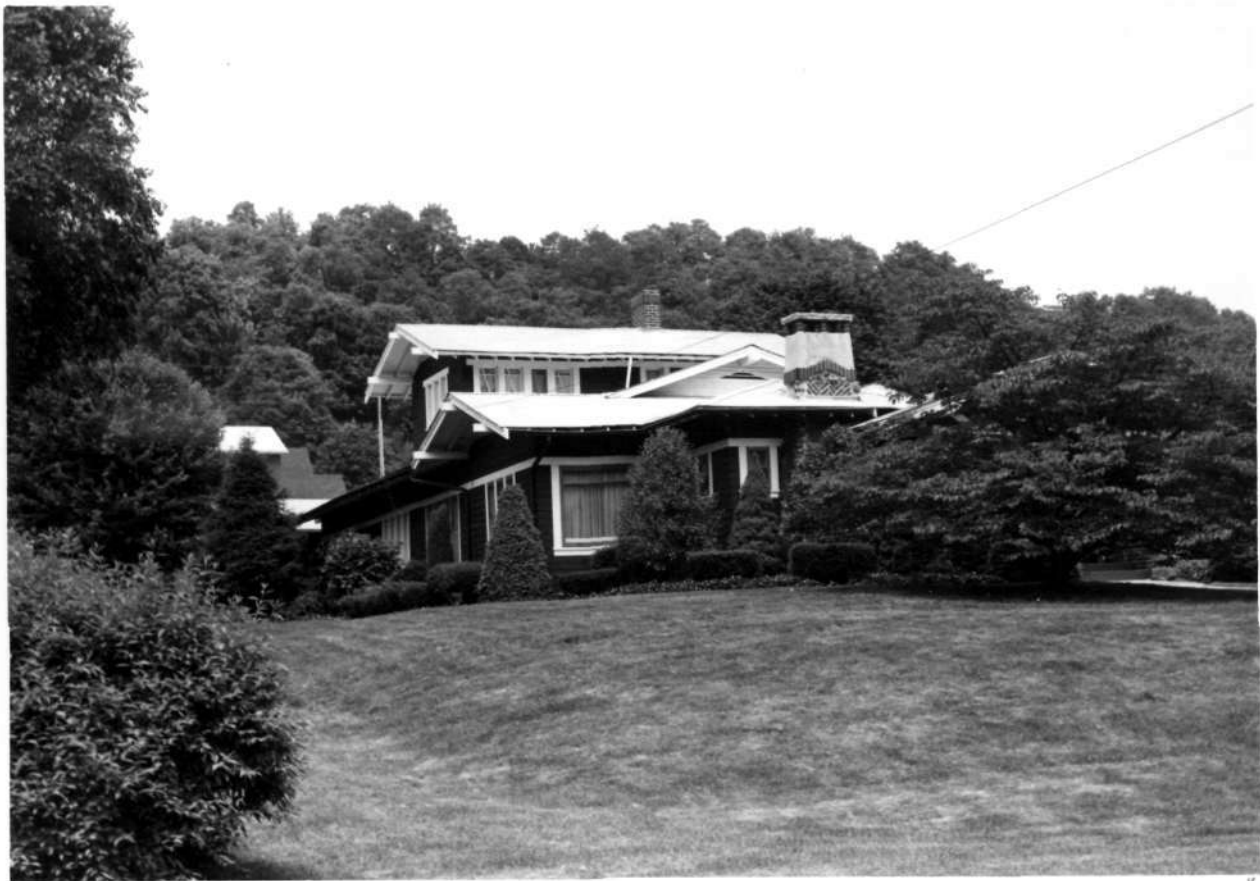
741 National Highway
La Vale, Allegany Co.
June, 1974
SE view

RONALD L. ANDREWS



front. door (south side)
741 National Highway
La Vale
Allegany Co., Md.
June, 1974

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Allegheny Co., Md

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